

**DRAFT**  
**Integration Panel**  
**Guiding Principles for Category III Selection of Proposals**

**General Guidelines:**

- Be consistent with the RFP.
- Look for gaps in proposals received to determine if priority actions are not being funded due to lack of qualified proposals.
- Include proposals that are innovative but doable.
- Attempt to provide funding for all major geographic areas in the eligibility area
- Take advantage of time sensitive opportunities to achieve long-term restoration goals

**Ecological Guidelines:**

- Emphasize restoration/reactivation of physical processes that increase and sustain target habitats and species. When feasible emphasize reactivation of physical processes using naturalistic self-sustaining methods.
- Emphasize restoration of species using natural methods of production.
- Emphasize protection and enhancement of existing habitats over restoration or creation of replacement habitats
- Emphasize proposals with multiple benefits to species, habitats, or processes upon which these species depend.
- Do not dismiss or give low priority to projects merely because they are designed to address problems for which causes and remedies remain uncertain. Attempt to fund proposals that use management measures based on the best available information in ways that are likely to address critical problems while at the same time reducing uncertainty (i.e. adaptive management).

**CALFED Related Guidelines:**

- Emphasize proposals resolving conflicts in the delta-- focus on achieving CALFED mission to restore ecological health and improve water management for the beneficial uses of the Bay -Delta System.
- Avoid conflicts with the other CALFED objectives and when consistent with the objectives of the RFP, encourage proposals that address the other CALFED objectives.